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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, CASC, AR

SUBJECT: JEHOVAH WITNESSES

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REF: B.A. 5850 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT IT DISCUSS JEHOVAH WITNESS PROBLEM WITH MIDDLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTING CONCERN OF WITNESSES HEADQUARTERS IN U.S. OVER SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.

2. SEPTEMBER 8 WIRE SERVICE REPORTS INDICATE THAT WITNESSES HAVE IN FACT BEEN BANNED IN ARGENTINA. FULL EFFECT THIS ACTION NOT CLEAR.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BENEFIT OF WHATEVER FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY RESPOND AND OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION  
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AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ABOUT NATURE AND EXTENT OF GOA ACTION

AFFECTING WITNESSES INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ORGANIZATION.  
TEXT OF AND COMMENT ON APPLICATION OF MOST RECENT DECREE  
WOULD BE HELPFUL. IS IT CORRECT TO ASSUME THAT CLOSURE OF  
OFFICES (REFTEL) WAS RESULT OF DECREE REPORTED BY WIRE  
SERVICE? DO WITNESSES HAVE LOCAL LAWYER(S) THAT CAN  
SHED LIGHT ON MATTER AND ON LEGAL REMEDIES, IF ANY,  
AVAILABLE? KISSINGER

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